17. Patna
18. Bhopal
19. Shimla
20. Agartala
21. Capital of Haryana
22. Rajkot
23. Ranchi
24. Madurai
25. Pune
26. Allahabad
27. Vijayawada
28. Bhubaneswar.

Claims under Crop Insurance Scheme

*235. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount paid towards settling claims under the Crop Insurance Scheme against the premium remitted by the beneficiaries in various States up to 31st July, 1986 ;

(b) whether Government have decided not to extend the scheme to all crops grown in the country ; if so, what are the reasons for the same ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the bulk of the agricultural finance had gone to irrigated areas ; if so, what is the percentage thereof and whether any corrective measures have been taken by Government ; and

(d) what is the percentage of of loan recovery and whether Government propose to bring suitable legislation for loan recoveries?

(THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON) (a tod) Indemnity claims of Rs. 76 crores have been paid by the General Insurance Corporation of India(GIC) during Kharif 1985 against a premium income of Rs. 33 crores. The claims received in respect of Rabi 1985-86 are being scrutinised by the GIC . The premium income for Rabi 1985-86 is Rs. 4.14 crore. The inclusion of other crops under the scheme would be considered after gaining experience in respect of present crops and subject to availability of reliable yield data based on Crop Cutting Experiments.

2. It is a fact that bulk of agricultural Credit has gone to irrigated areas. The States and Financing Institutions have been asked to make all out efforts to increase the flow of cre ditto rainfed areas.

3. The percentage of loan recovery at Primay Agriculture Credit Society level has been 58.0 percent, 59.0 percent and 60.1 percent, during 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 respectively. Under the different State legislations, there are adequate legal provisions for effecting recovery.

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*236. [*Transferred to the 6th August, 1986*]

Heads of AIR and Doordarshan

*237. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that induction of non-professionals as heads of All India Radio and Doordarshan is the reason for the substandard performance of both these media ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider appointing as heads of these organisations those persons who have grown in these media ; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) (a) No, Sir. Neither presumption is correct.

(b) The recruitmen t rules for the posts of Director General, All India Radio and Director General, Doordarshan provide that 50 per cent will be filled up by promotion failing which by transfer on deputation and failing both by direct recruitment . The interests of the Departmental officers are thus safeguarded .

(c) Does not arise.

"Today in Parliament"

*238. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan propose to telecast "Today in Parliament" on the Naticnal Network Programme; and

(b) what are the reasons for not including it in the National Network Programme so far in spite of persistent demands in Parliament and by the public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SHRI (V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) At present, "Sansa d Samachar" in Hindi and "Parliament News" in English are being telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi and relayed by 156 transmitters. These items are not included in the National Programme of Doordarsham as news relating to Parliament already accounts for about 10 per cent of the total time for the two National News Bulletins included in the National Programme of Doordarshan. As the programmes put out by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi are relayed by all the satellite-linked transmitters in the country, these programmes are viewed by substantial number of viewers. As far as other Doordarshan Kendras are concerned, they telecast a summary of Parliament Proceedings in their weekly bulletins in their respective languages. Presently, the duration of National Programme is 155 minutes, which includes 20 minutes each of two news bulletins in Hindi and English. While on Saturdays and Sundays the duration of Hindi and English news bulletins is 25 minutes respectively. Within the remaining 105—115 minutes, other items catering for a